

REMARKS:

The Office action of March 24, 2005 has been received and carefully considered. Reconsideration of the application as amended hereby and in view this being a continuing prosecution application, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 9 were rejected as anticipated by Plas, et al. Although the previously filed form of those claims was believed to clearly differentiate over Plas, et al., these claims have been amended to more specifically point out that the first section of the second arm is constrained by abutment against the frame when in the mowing configuration. This is not taught or suggested by Plas, et al. or the other art of record. Consequently, it is urged that these claims and the claims dependent upon them are allowable over Plas, et al.

Claim 20 was also rejected over Plas, et al. As Claim 20 is directed to the fine adjustment mechanism shown in Fig. 9 of applicant's application and as there is no corresponding structure in Plas, et al., this rejection is not fully understood. However, Claim 20 has been amended to better define the invention. In particular, Claim 20 calls for a horizontally moveable mount 121 that is secured to the attachment by a slideable pin 127 and adjusted in position by manipulation of a nut 137. This is not found in Plas, et al. Therefore, Claim 20 and the claims dependent from it are also urged to be allowable

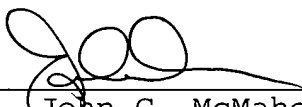
over the art of record.

In summary, it is urged that Claims 1 to 13, 15, 16 and 20 to 27 are allowable over the art of record and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone, if prosecution of this application can be expedited thereby.

Respectfully Submitted,

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